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THE WEATHER:
Generally fair weather and moderate temperature tonight and tomorrow. Gentle northerly winds. Temperature at 8 o'clock 67 degrees.

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COLBY SIGNS WOMAN SUFFRAGE PROCLAMATION

ALL GUESSING AT D. C. HEADS

Isolation of President Makes It Impossible to Get Line on Men Favored.
NEW ENTRANTS IN CONTEST
List of Candidates Grows Despite Process of Elimination Already Begun.

President Wilson today notified Louis Brownlow, president of the District Board of Commissioners, that his resignation was accepted, effective September 15. The notification was made in a letter sent to the Commissioner shortly after noon today.

The isolation of the President is one of the impediments to predictions as to possible nominees for commissionerships of the District. In past years when there was a vacancy in the District building, a line could be obtained on the progress of the several candidates by the delegations and friends that personally called at the White House.

Several of the candidates are trying to get the ear of the President by having their cards laid before Mrs. Wilson by friends who are able to see her. What progress is being made in this direction is as vague as other features of the commission race. Only one thing is certain. That is that neither District officials or White House officials know any more who are to be named than the ordinary citizen.

Among the candidates for the place today there was a move toward elimination. Flaws in the qualifications of the different ones mentioned for who were opposed to them, and some of the candidates mentioned named conditions under which they would serve.

There are two conditions that some of the candidates say they will insist upon if offered the place of District Commissioner. One is that they will not serve with Dr. Van Schaick and the other is that they will not serve with a woman. The reason for refusing to serve with Dr. Van Schaick is his record with the Board of Education, while the reason for not wanting to serve with a woman has varying definitions.

START ROUND ROBIN TO BAR MAYS FROM LEAGUE

Cleveland Players Admit Circulating Petition—Tris Speaker Refuses to Talk.
PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 26.—Members of the Cleveland American League baseball club today declared that a "round robin" is being circulated throughout the league calling for the barring of Carl Mays, star pitcher of the New York club, from the league. Mays is the pitcher who hit Ray Chapman, Cleveland shortstop, causing his death.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE FOR District Commissioners

Washington Will Register its Opinion in this Poll. Residents of the Nation's Capital, Interested in Their City, to Nominate and Vote for Heads of Municipal Government.

Washington responded quickly to the opportunity offered by The Times to express the popular choice for District Commissioners. The pile of nominations that came in immediately after the announcement was made yesterday indicates that there will be a huge and an intelligent vote, the result of which will be submitted to President Wilson as a guide in the selection of a successor to Commissioner Louis Brownlow.

Before the paper had been on the street twenty minutes the first nomination slip was in The Times office. From that time they began to pile up on the desk. Every mail brought additions. The first day's result is ample proof that Washingtonians take a deep and a direct interest in the selection of the men who are to administer municipal affairs.

One notable fact is the high class of the men and women who are suggested by the nominators. Men who have been considered for the place and men prominently known for their activity in public and patriotic affairs, have been favorites in the nominations.

It may be said that the signatures to the ballots are largely those of well known and respected Washingtonians. These names, of course, will not be made known to anybody except the vote editor. They are required as a matter of good faith.

The list up to this morning included:

CONRAD SYME, WILLIAM MCK. CLAYTON, CAPT. JULIUS I. PEYSER, ERNEST L. THURSTON, CAPT. JAMES F. OYSTER, DAN DONOVAN, WILLIAM D. BARRY, L. G. GROSSMAN, THOMAS S. HOPKINS, CAPT. C. E. E. FLATHER, WILLIAM B. HARDY, GEN. O. L. SPAULDING, DR. J. ROZIER BIGGS, EARL GOLDWIN, MISS MARY O'TOOLE, FRED S. HARN, OLIVER P. NEWMAN, FRANK HOGAN, MRS. MINA VAN WINKLE, C. W. MINKER.

CHARLES W. DARR, HENRY LANSBURGH, JESSE L. HEISKELL, WILLIAM F. GUDE, CORCORAN THOM, ALVIN G. BELT, DR. WILLIAM C. FOWLER, HARRY WARD, DAVID A. BAER, JOHN B. COLPOYS, A. LEFTWICH SINCLAIR, MRS. ISAAC PEARSON, ALBERT G. F. BUEHLER, ROBERT I. MILLER, CHAPIN BROWN, GUY MASON, SAMUEL GUSACK, ALBERT M. READ, DETECTIVE SCRIVENER.

Equal suffrage will be fully recognized in this campaign. If you are twenty-one years old and a resident of the District your nomination slip will be received. For those who already have been named it will not be necessary to send in further nominations.

Ballots will be received immediately after the full list of nominations is published Sunday.

The Times is assured that a solemn referendum, limited to adult residents of the District, will receive serious consideration at the White House.

At the bottom of this page is a blank, which may be used to nominate your choice. Its use, to simplify tabulation, is requested, but not required. Merely fill it out and mail or send to THE VOTE EDITOR, THE WASHINGTON TIMES.

Nominations will be received until 1 o'clock, Saturday, August 28. The full list of nominees will be published in The Times, Sunday, August 29. Balloting will begin on these nominees immediately thereafter, and will continue until 1 o'clock p. m., Friday, September 3. The result will be announced in The Times, Sunday, September 5.

The tabulation will be immediately certified, and presented to President Wilson for consideration. The law requires that "Commissioners shall have been bona-fide residents of the District for at least three years next previous to appointment."

FORTY FIRES PAGE IN ERIN

Twenty-six Homes Already Destroyed—Girl Mortally Wounded in Riots.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—Rioting was renewed in Belfast late this afternoon and troops fired upon the mobs, but it is not known if there were any casualties, said a Central News dispatch from that city. A military proclamation has been issued in Belfast authorizing the employment of a special force of constabulary because of the menacing situation.

DUBLIN, Aug. 26.—Volleys from the rifles of soldiers restored order at Belfast today after an outbreak of rioting in which a girl was mortally wounded and twenty-six houses were either wholly or partially destroyed by fire. The official report on the Belfast outbreak to Dublin Castle said that forty-six arrests had been made.

MOTHERS IN PANIC. A school in Newton road was attacked and the mothers of the children were thrown into panic. It is reported that an attempt was made to burn the great Belfast ship yards. There was heavy fighting around a church where an attacking force was driven off. During the disorders there was much looting.

Forty fires were started altogether during the rioting, according to the dispatch. A later dispatch said that the fighting had centered about Newton road, but was finally quelled by the police.

Strong police guards today patrolled the streets about Brixton jail following the outbreak of fighting that occurred during demonstrations against the detention of Lord Mayor McSwiney, of Cork. Two policemen were knocked unconscious by flying stones during the disorders.

It was understood here this afternoon that Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, had been summoned to London for a conference with Premier Lloyd George on the general Irish situation. Government officials pointed out that Lord George, being far removed in Switzerland from conflicting influences, would be able to give an unimpaired survey of the whole Irish problem. Hope was expressed that a "peace formula" for Ireland would be forthcoming within the next week.

Officials of the Irish office refused to comment upon King George's message to Redmond Howard, nephew of the late John Redmond, saying that the appeal for Irish hunger strikers would receive immediate attention. They declared, however, that there would be no shift in the policy which has been followed toward Lord Mayor McSwiney, of Cork, who is in a very serious condition in Brixton jail.

McSwiney suffered a sinking spell this afternoon. He was visited by his wife in the prison infirmary. She said her husband had grown so weak during the morning that his voice was inaudible, and that he was so nervous he could not sleep.

POLE ARMY AT GRODNO GATES

Fall of City Imminent, Says Warsaw—Reds Driven From Lemberg.

WARSAW, Aug. 26.—The fall of Grodno is imminent. The number of prisoners taken by the Poles up to date is estimated at 100,000.

PARIS, Aug. 26.—Poland has decided to take the initiative in the Russo-Polish negotiations and propose new peace terms to the Soviet that conform with the present military situation on the Polish battle front, said a Warsaw dispatch to the Matin today.

According to an unofficial report from Warsaw, detachments of the second Polish brigade entered Grodno on Tuesday, but the Polish legation has no official advice confirming this report.

It was admitted at the Polish legation that General Budenny's Red cavalry army had reached the outskirts of Lemberg, in Galicia, before being driven back by a Polish volunteer army.

The Russian soviet government has abandoned its demand for the arming of Polish workers, according to the official interpretation placed by the foreign office upon a garbled radiogram from Moscow today.

The wireless message was picked up by French government stations but only part of it could be deciphered. This portion was not absolutely clear but indicated that the Russians at Minsk were making concessions to the Poles and that the concessions included the abrogation of the demand for an army of Polish workmen.

BIG FOUR WARN POLAND NOT TO PRESS VICTORY
LONDON, Aug. 26.—Four stern and emphatic notes have been sent to Poland by the new republic in the East against anti-Russian aggressions and to insist that it could be declared.

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U. S. Warship Convoys Liner Bringing Home Commander's Fiancee

Naval Officer Rushes Destroyer to Olympic's Side to Greet Actress.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—Somewhere about a hundred miles out of New York harbor passengers on the White Star liner Olympic, returning from England, yesterday noticed bearing down on them, racing at top speed with smoke pouring from her funnels, a fast and racy craft.

It was the United States destroyer Ingram, and the business-like manner in which she sped toward the Olympic indicated that more than casual purpose dominated her skipper, Lieut. Comdr. Reginald S. H. Venable.

On board the Olympic, viewing the approaching destroyer were John W. Davis, United States ambassador to England, and Senator Walter Edge of New Jersey. Senator Edge hinted to the ambassador that the navy was conferring an unusual honor upon Mr. Davis, who replied he believed it was intended as a compliment to Senator Edge.

GIRL WAS INTERESTED. Near the ambassador and the Senator a girl of slight figure seemed much interested in the approaching destroyer. Soon the warship headed in close, and Lieutenant Commander Venable could be seen near the rail, looking anxiously toward the liner.

The distinguished gentlemen listened eagerly. The girl waved frantically to the navy man and called: "Oh, Reggie!" "Oh, Fay!" the wind carried back, in tones of unmistakable joy.

His excellency and the honorable exchange blank looked then both laughed. The young woman near the rail was Fay Bainter, coming back from London, where she had been vacationing. The naval officer waving to her was her fiancé.

The destroyer conveyed the liner to port. It was the first time the passengers had heard of an American warship being used in just that way.

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SPOLLS PLANS FOR CEREMONY

Secretary Puts Name to Document This Morning at His Home.

DISAPPOINTS NEW VOTERS
Delegation At State Dept. Chagrined By Failure to Make Affair Public.

President Wilson will receive Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National Women's Suffrage Association, and Mrs. Helen Gardner, member of the Civil Service Commission, this afternoon to extend his congratulations on the suffrage victory.

It is believed by officials of the White House the President will deliver his "word of congratulation" to the suffragists through Mrs. Catt.

Suffrage for women became an actuality today when Secretary of State Colby signed a proclamation announcing the Nineteenth amendment to the constitution.

The proclamation of the amendment, giving the vote to woman, followed receipt of a certificate of ratification of the amendment by the Tennessee legislature and brought to a conclusion one of the longest and most bitter legislative fights in the history of the United States.

SIGNED AT HOME. Secretary of State Colby, arriving at the State Department shortly before 10 o'clock, announced that he had signed the suffrage proclamation at 8 o'clock this morning at his home.

A delegation of suffrage leaders were waiting at the State Department when Secretary Colby arrived. The Secretary immediately informed them that the suffrage proclamation had been signed, and their enthusiasm was somewhat dampened by the fact that they had not been permitted to be present at the signing.

Secretary Colby announced that the Tennessee certificate had been delivered to him at his home at 3 o'clock this morning, and that he had immediately turned it over to Solicitor Fred K. Nielsen, of the State Department, for examination. Solicitor Nielsen returned the certificate and the proclamation of the amendment, signed at 8 o'clock, in the presence of Solicitor Nielsen and Charles Cook, of the diplomatic bureau of the State Department, the proclamation had been signed.

Woman's Vote Perils President's Election Asserts Hannis Taylor

By WILLIAM PHILLIP SIMS. International News Service.

Declaring the action of Secretary of State Colby in promulgating ratification of the suffrage amendment as full of peril and a menace to the peace of the Nation, Hannis Taylor, author of "The Origin and Growth of the American Constitution," today gave the opinion that the Presidential election in November, whichever candidate wins, might be set aside as illegal because of the votes cast by women.

"I wish to make it perfectly plain," he said in an exclusive interview granted the International News Service, "that I am not attacking the principle of woman suffrage itself. That principle is not involved in the slightest. What I do wish to make clear, however, is the legal aspect of the Tennessee ratification and the action of Secretary of State Colby promulgating it today."

"Bearing what I just said, well in mind, I wish to say this: The Supreme Court of the United States has long ago recognized the new universal principle of American law that when the validity of the action of Congress, or a State legislature, is in question, it is the right and duty of courts, Federal and State, to examine the journals of the legislative body, State or Federal and by the facts therein disclosed to determine whether or no the legislative body has acted in accordance with constitutional law."

"No jurist can claim that the legislature of Tennessee has taken final action on the Nineteenth amendment," he said in an exclusive interview granted the International News Service, "that I am not attacking the principle of woman suffrage itself. That principle is not involved in the slightest. What I do wish to make clear, however, is the legal aspect of the Tennessee ratification and the action of Secretary of State Colby promulgating it today."

"Under such conditions and in defiance of the judicial power of a sovereign state, Secretary Colby is playing with fire to declare that the amendment has been adopted. The Presidential election may depend upon his act. Those of us who witnessed the Tilden-Hayes conflict, involving the title to the Presidency of the United States, and imperiling the peace of this nation, knew what such a peril means."

"The Secretary of State should have paused before venturing to make possible the recurrence of such a condition in which the electoral commission was devised in order to remove the fear of civil war."



MISS FAY BANTER.

N. H. MAN GETS POST OF F. D. ROOSEVELT

President Names Gordon Woodbury, Former Newspaper Publisher, for Navy Berth.
President Wilson today appointed Gordon Woodbury, of New Hampshire, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy to succeed Franklin D. Roosevelt, resigned.

Gordon Woodbury is fifty-six years of age, a lawyer and formerly publisher of the Manchester N. H. Union. He has been prominently identified with Democratic affairs in New Hampshire and was a pioneer in the suffrage movement in his home State. He served with the Red Cross in France during the world war.

Nota Beany ON Traffic Truths



Without a signal He stopped dead; "Pay eighty plunks," Repairman said.

Congo Ape Men Climb; Neither Lie Nor Steal

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—A race of pigmies of such primitive characteristics that they are but little removed from the ape, have been discovered in the virgin forests of the Belgian Congo by Dr. Leonard J. Vandenberg, a Catholic missionary and anthropologist, who returned yesterday from a tour of Central Africa, which extended over eleven months.

Dr. Vandenberg was formerly a missionary in the Uganda. On his latest expedition he was accompanied by Dr. George Burbank Shattuck, formerly professor of geology at Johns Hopkins and Vassar, and a staff of motion picture photographers.

CONGRATULATES WOMEN. "To congratulate the women of the country upon the successful culmination of their efforts, which have been sustained in the face of many discouragements and which have now conducted them to the achievement of their great object," the day marks the opening of a great and new era in the political life of the nation. I confidently believe that every salutary, forward and upward force in our public life will receive fresh vigor and reinforcement from the enfranchisement of the women of America.

"The following national officers and officers of State branches of the National Woman's Party were to have been present when Secretary Colby issued the proclamation: Miss Alice Paul, national chairman, Moorestown, N. J.; Mrs. Abby Scott Baker, political chairman, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Florence Brewer Boeckel, editor Suffragist, Washington, D. C.; Miss (Continued on Page 11, Column 1.)